VERMONT WORKING LANDS ENTERPRISE INITIATIVE

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VSJF is a non-profit organization providing financing, technical assistance, and networking resources to Vermont businesses and non-profits in the fields of renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and forest products. The funds will be used within the Vermont Agriculture Development Program, which is in its third year of operation.



This project will deliver consulting services to 2 cohorts of 3 producer/processor associations over 15 months. Two representatives from each of the 6 associations will attend 9 training sessions each. Issues addressed will include organizational development, financial sustainability, policy development, and branding and website development. Sessions will be structured as half-day facilitated group trainings, with curriculum developed by VSJF and the Producer and Processor Association Task Force of the F2P Network. Some individualized trainings will be available to address specific association needs. Associations that complete the program will receive a mini-grant to implement a priority project identified over the course of program participation.

Total Working Lands Grant—\$20,000.00 Total Match provided by VSJF—\$33,200.00

